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1. PER REF A, MISSION INTENDS RAISE SUBJECT IN DPC NOV 29.

2. EXERCISE PROGRAMS ARE APPROVED BY SHAPE, ACLANT AND ACCHAN BASED ON INPUTS FROM SUBORDINATE HEADQUARTERS AND BROAD GUIDANCE FROM MILITARY COMMITTEE. MISSION ASSUMES THAT REF A DOES NOT SEEK TO CHANGE THIS PROCEDURE BY CALLING FOR DPC APPROVAL OF EXERCISE PROGRAMS. DPC COULD, HOWEVER, INSTRUCT NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO TAKE ACTION TO MAKE EXERCISE PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH EFFORTS UNDER CONFIDENTIAL

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WAY TO CONSERVE FUEL.

3. REFERENCES B AND C INDICATE ACTIONS ALONG THESE LINES ALREADY BEING TAKEN BY NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

4. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS NOV 29,
WE PROPOSE MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DPC:

"MR. CHAIRMAN:

"IN RECOGNITION OF THE CURRENT WORLDWIDE OIL SHORTAGE,
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE DEFENSE PLANNING
COMMITTEE SHOULD ASSURE ITSELF FUEL IS SAVED WITH MINIMAL IMPACT
ON FORCE READINESS.

"IT SEEMS EVIDENT TO US THEREFORE THAT THE NATO
MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL AUTHORITIES
SHOULD ENSURE THAT FUEL CONSTRAINTS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN
THE EXECUTION OF THE 1974 MNC'S EXERCISE PROGRAMS AND THAT A
PRUDENT BALANCE BETWEEN THESE CONSTRAINTS AND ESSENTIAL
TRAINING AND READINESS NEEDS IS MAINTAINED.

"THE UNITED STATES RECOMMENDS THAT THE DPC REQUEST THE AP-
PROPRIATE MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO REVIEW THE NATO EXERCISE
PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR AHEAD IN TERMS OF POL CONSUMPTION AND TO
MAKE APPROPRIATE MODIFICATIONS, INCLUDING PLANS FOR ALTERNATIVE
EXERCISES IN ORDER TO LIMIT POL CONSUMPTION. RESULTS OF THIS
REVIEW SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE DPC BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

"IN THAT CONNECTION, WE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT AT ITS
MEETING ON NOVEMBER 22, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE
INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF WILL EXAMINE THE IMPLICATIONS OF
THE OIL CRISIS ON THE TRAINING EXERCISE PROGRAMS AND THE READI-
NESS OF NATO FORCES. WE ALSO NOTE THAT SACEUR HAS SENT A
MESSAGE TO MINISTERS OF DEFENSE REQUESTING EARLY NOTIFICATION,
BY HOST NATIONS AND NATIONS CONTRIBUTING FORCES TO EXERCISES,
IN THE EVENT ANY RESTRICTIONS ARE FORESEEN. WE BELIEVE IT
IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN INDICATION FROM EACH NATION OF ITS
ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANNED EXERCISES IN THE LIGHT OF
POL REQUIREMENTS.

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"WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT MODS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO ENSURE
THAT NATIONALLY IMPOSED FUEL CONSTRAINTS MINIMIZE THE IMPACT
ON ESSENTIAL TRAINING, FORCE READINESS, AND WAR RESERVE STOCKS."

5. IN OUR VIEW, NATIONS WILL REQUIRE NO URGING IN THE WAY OF
CURTAILING THE AVAILABILITY OF FUEL FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.
DEVELOPING TRENDS BEAR THIS OUT. IT MAY BECOME NECESSARY TO
EMPHASIZE THE MILITARY'S NEED FOR FUEL IN ORDER TO CONDUCT
ESSENTIAL TRAINING AND MAINTAIN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS.
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